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## Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on July 2, 2004 is NOT fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the amendments to the claims are not in strict compliance with the revised amendment practice in accordance with 37CFR 1.121 for amendments filed on or after July 30, 2003 as required. For example, strikethrough must be used to show deletions *except* where the strikethrough used to show proposed deletions of five or fewer characters [i.e., the word "and" in line 11 of claim 1; the numeral 2 in claim 3; and, the numeral "5" in claim 6 ] cannot be easily perceived, in which case alternative means for indicating deletions (i.e.,double brackets) must be used.

See 37 CFR 1.121 and the attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE** (1) **MONTH or THIRTY** (30) **DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- 2. Additionally, the reply filed on July 2 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): applicant has added claims 22 through 27 without indicating which of these claims if any are readable upon the previously elected invention, as required. See 37 CFR 1.111. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).
- 3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ljiljana (Lil) V. Ciric, whose telephone number is (703) 308-3925. While she works a flexible schedule that varies from day to day and from week to week, Examiner Ciric may generally be reached at the Office during the work week between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. ET.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dave Scherbel, can be reached on (703) 308-1272. The NEW central official fax phone number is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0861.

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October 2, 2004

LJILJANA V. CIRIC PRIMARY EXAMINER

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